AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Original) A method for determining a jitter buffer depth target comprising steps of:

   determining a radio frequency (RF) load metric corresponding to a base site;

   comparing the determined RF load metric to an RF load threshold to produce a comparison; and

   determining a jitter buffer depth target based on the comparison.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein when the determined radio frequency (RF) load metric is greater than the RF load threshold, a jitter buffer depth target is used that is appropriate for a communication using retransmissions.

3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, further comprising a step of determining to transmit frames at a lower power level when the determined radio frequency (RF) load metric is greater than the RF load threshold.

4. (Original) The method of claim 2, further comprising a step of determining to retransmit erroneously received frames when the determined radio frequency (RF) load metric is greater than the RF load threshold.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein when the determined radio frequency (RF) load metric is less than the RF load threshold, a jitter buffer depth target is used that is appropriate for a communication using a reduced number of retransmissions.

6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5, further comprising a step of determining to transmit frames at a higher power level when the determined radio frequency (RF) load metric is less than the RF load threshold.

7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5, further comprising a step of determining to reduce a use of retransmissions of erroneously received frames when the determined radio frequency (RF) load metric is less than the RF load threshold.

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